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PRESIDENT: Now you're out of order, Senator Murphy. On behalf of the Speaker I resent that. Alright, we go to Select File.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 549 has been considered yesterday. The E & R amendments were adopted. There were a series of other amendments adopted at that time. There is presently pending the Mills amendment found on page 2085 of the Legislative Journal which was discussed at the time of adjournment yesterday.

PRESIDENT: Senator Mills.

SENATOR MILLS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature.

PRESIDENT: Could we have more order in the Chamber please.

SENATOR MILLS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature. The amendment that I am offering to you is one that would be the same as was offered in the Governor's budget and was asked for by a program statement for the Penitentiary, the maximum security complex. Mr. President, first of all I would like to ask those members of the Legislature if they would care to... back here behind me is a blueprint drawing of the Nebraska Penal Complex. Senator Nichol, I'd like to have you look at that. Mr. President, several days ago Senator Fowler and I had an exchange of questions and answers relating to what the Appropriations Committee was recommending in LB 549 by the appropriations bill relating to the Penitentiary. It was my concern at that particular time, and has been since, that the Appropriations Committee is recommending the construction of

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PRESIDENT: Senator Mills, have you got the heart to start again? Apparently the machine is going. The Legislature will please be in order. Would the House please come to order. We have the tape machine going again and, Senator Mills, I don't know where you were when it broke but do you want to proceed with your remarks.

SENATOR MILLS: How about letting me start over?

PRESIDENT: I have no objection.

SENATOR MILLS: Senator Nichol, do you have any objection? No, he didn't have any, if I start over. Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I think that we are going to be speaking to a serious issue. I hope that...I hope that you will listen because of the philosophy of building at the penitentiary. This particular amendment or the way the Appropriations Committee has the bill could establish a philosophy that puts us into a long far reaching program. The amendment that I have does so, put us into a far reaching program of new construction, of a new facility, utilizing the "T" dorm as a chemical dependency unit. Mr. President, I believe that the philosophy, and I hope that those members of the Appropriations Committee that are here will challenge me. I believe that the philosophy